

His/Her Attorney-in-Fact

(c) Nothing in subsection (b) of this section precludes the use of any other legal form of execution of deed or other conveyance of real property.

Sec. 2. Section 45a-562 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

(a) The subsequent disability or incompetence of a principal shall not revoke or terminate the authority of any person who acts under a power of attorney in a writing executed by the principal, if the writing contains the words "this power of attorney shall not be affected by the subsequent disability or incompetence of the principal," or words of similar import showing the intent of the principal that the authority conferred shall be exercisable notwithstanding the principal's subsequent disability or incompetence; provided the power of attorney is executed [and witnessed] in the same manner as provided for deeds in section 47-5, as amended by this act.

(b) If a conservator of the estate of the principal is appointed after the occurrence of the disability or incompetence referred to in subsection (a) of this section, the power of attorney shall cease at the time of the appointment, and the person acting under the power of attorney shall account to the conservator rather than to the principal.

Sec. 3. Section 42-116t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

(a) No person, except an artist who owns and possesses a work of fine art which the artist has created, shall intentionally commit, or authorize the intentional commission of, any physical defacement or alteration of a work of fine art.

(b) The artist shall retain at all times the right to claim authorship.

(c) To effectuate the rights created by section 42-116s and this section, the artist may commence an action to recover or obtain any of

50 the following: (1) Injunctive relief, (2) actual damages, (3) reasonable
51 attorney's and expert witness fees, and (4) any other relief which the
52 court deems proper.

53 (d) The rights and duties created under section 42-116s and this
54 section: (1) Shall, with respect to the artist, or if any artist is deceased,
55 his heir, legatee or designated personal representative, exist until the
56 fiftieth anniversary of the death of such artist, (2) shall exist in addition
57 to any other rights and duties which may be applicable on or after
58 October 1, 1988, and (3) except as provided in subsection (e) may not
59 be waived except by an instrument in writing expressly so providing
60 which is signed by the artist.

61 (e) If a work of fine art cannot be removed from a building without
62 substantial physical defacement or alteration of such work, the rights
63 and duties created under this section, unless expressly reserved by an
64 instrument in writing signed by the owner of such building executed
65 [and witnessed] in the same manner provided for deeds in section 47-
66 5, as amended by this act, and properly recorded, shall be deemed
67 waived. Such instrument, if properly recorded, shall be binding on
68 subsequent owners of such building.

69 (f) No action may be maintained to enforce any liability under
70 section 42-116s and this section unless brought within three years of
71 the act complained of or one year after discovery of such act,
72 whichever is longer, except that no action may be brought more than
73 ten years from the date of the act complained of.

74 (g) The provisions of section 42-116s and this section shall apply to
75 works of art created on or after October 1, 1988.

76 Sec. 4. Section 7-24 of the general statutes is amended by adding
77 subsection (f) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

78 (NEW) (f) The town clerk is not required to receive for record any
79 instrument or document for recording on the land records unless there
80 is a blank space one inch in width around the outer edges of such

81 instrument or document.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2002</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

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